

CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEMSMAC)  
Connecticut Hospital Association  
April 10, 2014

Minutes

Member Attendees: William Begg, M.D., James Castellone, M.D., David Cone, M.D., Doug Gallo, M.D., James Parker, M.D., Kyle McClaine, M.D., Richard Kamin, M.D.

OEMS Staff: David Bailey, Raphael Barishansky, Kevin Brown

Guests: Glenn Arremony, Nancy Brunet, Kevin Burns, Peter Canning, Ryan Carter, Raffaella Coler, Marielle Daniels, Robert Grant, Alan Henschke, Joe Larcheveque, Ian Medoro, Fred Potter, Paul Rabeuf, Brooks Walsh,

Chaired By: Richard Kamin, Kyle McClaine

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting called to order at 10:00 am	Reviewed the minutes of the March 13, 2014 CEMSMAC meeting. No discussion held.	Dr. Cone motioned to approve the minutes as written, Dr. Kamin second the motion.
DPH Report	<p>Legislative Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ MOLST is out of committee</li><li>➤ Stroke Bill #438 was discussed briefly at the last meeting. OEMS is moving forward</li><li>➤ AEMT Bill #416 is not out of committee – no action taken. The AEMT level of practice remains as-is.</li><li>➤ Orderly Transfer of Care Bill # 439 – Modifications were made and moving through committee</li></ul>	

	<p>➤ PSA Task Force – 2 Bills (5543 and 5580) moved through, favorable reports</p> <p>Questions/Concerns:</p> <p>Stroke Bill #438 – discussion regarding inclusion/development of regulation that will further regulate clinical care pertaining to patients with stroke. The concern regarding placing specifics of clinical care into regulation was discussed and all agreed that it was not desirable to do so.</p> <p>❖ Note: Session close on May 7, 2014</p>	<p>Motion that CEMSMAC support Bill #439 as written.</p> <p>Vote:</p> <p>Yes - 7</p> <p>No - 0</p> <p>Abst. - 0</p>
NHTSA Report	<p>CEMSMAC assigned tasks – continued discussion as how to address issues specifically with the CEMSMAC purview.</p> <p>Mr. Henschke briefly spoke on the Data Committee. They are currently 3 services that are not reporting data.</p>	<p>The committee will work to identify the specific data needed.</p> <p>Mr. Henschke was asked to provide updates regarding data to the group.</p>
Selective Spine Immobilization Project	<p>The Power Point has been distributed. Feedback received is that this is still too lengthy. This has not yet been reviewed or signed off by the Commissioner.</p> <p>Looking at a timeframe of July 1, 2014.</p>	
Statewide Guidelines	Ongoing review of the New Hampshire guidelines continues with an eye toward implementation.	

<p>Regional MAC Reports</p>	<p>Region 1 – No meeting held/working to commence/discussion pertaining to future organization of Regional meetings.</p> <p>Region 2 – No meeting held/no report</p> <p>Region 3 – No meeting held/no report</p> <p>Region 4 – They are reviewing minutes from several meetings and the PSA Task Force Bill. There are two concerns: Selective Spinal and the Statewide Guidelines.</p> <p>Day Kimball was interested in supporting alternative airways for the EMT provider; there was however not enough data/need to warrant a Pilot Program.</p> <p>Region 5 – They met on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. CEMSMAC has been invited to the next meetings. They had a lengthy discussion on Naloxone and Hydralazine.</p> <p>A lot of discussion was held on CPAP – some BLS services are involved and others are not. They are trying to reach a consensus.</p> <p>The next meeting is June 5, 2014.</p>	
<p>Ongoing Business</p>	<p>Discussion regarding Naloxone auto-injector.</p>	

	<p>Discussion ensued regarding cost, options, and provider training.</p>	<p>The group voted on the utility to expand the Scope of Practice for Naloxone.</p> <p>Dr. Kamin made a motion that auto-injector administration of naloxone by EMRs/EMTs be included in the recent expansion of the EMR/EMT scope of practice</p> <p>Dr. Parker seconded the motion.</p> <p>Vote:</p> <p>Yes - 5</p> <p>No - 0</p> <p>Abst. - 0</p>
RAD 57 Use	<p>Support for the recent guidance regarding RAD- 57 use from the DPH/OEMS was re-affirmed. The group discussed if there is a need to re-address the inclusion of CO-oximetry in the EMR/EMT scope of practice. Documentation from Suzanne White (Massimo) was reviewed and discussed.</p>	<p>After discussion, CEMSMAC's decision not to include CO-oximetry in the Scope of Practice of the EMR and EMT was maintained.</p>
Other Business	<p>Discussion regarding the issue of patients with recent death coming to the hospital for pronouncement and whether there are local protocols preventing transporting those recently dead for pronouncement. Different sponsor hospital processes discussed.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding the DPH bill specific to the removal of the AEMT level. The question was posed to CEMSMAC as to how to move forward. In 2011 CEMSMAC and CT EMS Advisory Board</p>	<p>Further discussion needed.</p>

	<p>recommended to no longer endorse the AEMT level of certification in Connecticut due to the lack of clinical utility with the current level of certification and the untenable implementation of the new AEMT national scope of practice. Discussion of sponsor hospitals making decisions over AEMT implementation was discussed as the sponsor hospital will ultimately be responsible for training.</p> <p>The Connecticut EMS Expo will take place May 29 – 31, 2014 at the Mohegan Sun. For more information go to CTEMSEXPO.ORG. EMSI credits are approved by Kevin Brown.</p> <p>Other credits by Sponsor Hospital oversight/decision.</p>	<p>Dr. Kamin made a motion that the CEMSMAC supports the sponsor hospital approval for education credit for those that attend the Expo.</p> <p>Dr. Cone seconded the motion.</p> <p>Vote:</p> <p>Yes - 6 (all except Dr. McClaine)</p> <p>No - 0</p> <p>Abst. - 0</p>
Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm. The next CEMSMAC meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2014 at the American Heart Association (AHA)	

Respectfully submitted by,  
Yolanda Williams, Secretary II  
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